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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

*P. J. ...*  
APR 2 1976

Honorable Frank Church, Chairman  
United States Senate Select Committee  
on Intelligence Activities  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Church:

Transmitted herewith is a memorandum prepared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with attachments which is responsive to the request in John Elliff's letter of March 31, 1976, concerning the FBI's furnishing information to Attorney General Kennedy about a book on the death of Marilyn Monroe.

Sincerely,

*Steven Blackhurst*

STEVEN BLACKHURST  
Assistant Special Counsel for  
Intelligence Coordination

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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April 2, 1976

U. S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE TO  
STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH  
RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)

Reference is made to SSC letter dated March 31, 1976, requesting all FBI materials pertaining to communications between FBI Director Hoover and Attorney General Robert Kennedy with respect to the publication of a book about Marilyn Monroe by Frank Capell. Enclosed is material responsive to your request.

Enclosures (5)

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The Attorney General

Director, FBI

FRANK A. CAPELL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Evans July 15, 1964  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
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1 - Mr. Smith  
1 - Mr. Garner  
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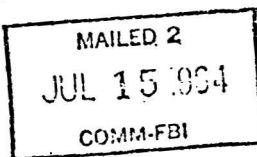
In my letter to you dated July 7, 1964, and captioned as above, reference was made to a forthcoming book by Frank A. Capell entitled "The Strange Death of Marilyn Monroe." Throughout the book, and particularly on pages 49-61, 69, and 70, Capell claims that you had a close relationship with Miss Monroe.

A copy of this book is enclosed.

Enclosure

NOTE: See memo, Smith to Sullivan same caption, 7/14/64, RSG:bb.

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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan *WCS*

FROM : R. W. Smith *RWS*

SUBJECT: FRANK A. CAPELL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

DATE: July 14, 1964

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Memo, Baumgardner to Sullivan, 7/7/64, stated New York Office advised that new book by Frank A. Capell entitled "The Strange Death of Marilyn Monroe," which alleges that Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy had an intimate relationship with Miss Monroe, would be ready for sale about 7/10/64.

Kennedy's Friendship with Miss Monroe "Well Known"

The New York Office has now furnished us with a copy of this 70-page book. The book claims that Miss Monroe's involvement with Kennedy "was well known to her friends and reporters in the Hollywood area," but was never publicized. It is alleged that "there are person-to-person telephone calls, living witnesses, tape recordings and certain writings to attest the closeness of their friendship."

The author suggests that Miss Monroe "was led to believe his intentions were serious," and that Kennedy had promised to divorce his wife and marry her. When he failed to do so, the book charges, she "threatened to expose their relationship," which would have ruined his presidential aspirations. It was then that Kennedy decided "to take drastic action."

Kennedy Had Communists "Murder" Miss Monroe

According to the book, Kennedy used "the Communist Conspiracy which is expert in the scientific elimination of its enemies" to dispose of Miss Monroe by making her murder appear to be a suicide. This could have been achieved without great difficulty, the author points out, because her personal physician, Dr. Hyman Engelberg, was a communist.

Enclosure *sent 7-15-64*

(OVER)

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Evans

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Smith

1 - Mr. Garner  
1 - Miss Butler

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Memo Smith to Sullivan  
Re: FRANK A. CAPELL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Most of the allegations made against Kennedy are contained in the chapter entitled "The V.I.P." (pages 49-61) and on pages 69 and 70.

Allegation Previously Branded False

It should be noted that the allegation concerning the Attorney General and Miss Monroe has been circulated in the past and has been branded as utterly false.

References to Director and FBI

There are several references in the book to the Director and/or the FBI. A biographical sketch of Capell on page 3 states that, while associated with the Westchester County, New York, Sheriff's Office, "he supervised the investigation of over five thousand individuals and organizations, including Nazis, Fascists and Communists, on behalf of the F.B.I. in most cases."

On page 49, it is stated that "under the direction of Bobby Kennedy the F.B.I. has been frustrated as never before."

On page 69, it is said that Mr. Hoover does not share Kennedy's opinion that the Communist Party, USA, "is a windmill virtually powerless to harm the United States."

On page 70, reference is made to an anonymous letter quoted in a column of Walter Winchell datelined May 25, 1964, at Hollywood, California, which told of a 23-year-old Beverly Hills blonde who had been "terrorized for months by the same person who caused Marilyn Monroe's death.... You can check this with F.B.I. Special Agent in Charge, Mr. Grapp in L.A..... Her initials are M.J."

Our Los Angeles Office reported that "M.J." was Mary Lou Jones, a would-be actress of no talent, who is apparently mentally disturbed. Miss Jones complained to the Beverly Hills, California, Police Department that she was being followed and harassed by unidentified men, but her allegations were completely unsubstantiated by the police.

Dr. Hyman Engelberg Former Security Index Subject

Dr. Hyman Engelberg was the subject of a Security Matter-C investigation, but his Security Index card was canceled in 1953 after his cooperative interview with Agents of our Los Angeles Office. At that time Dr. Engelberg admitted membership in the Communist Party from about 1939 to 1948. JMM  
APR 1976  
FBI

Memo Smith to Sullivan  
Re: FRANK A. CAPELL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

IDENTIFIES CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT

Attorney General Advised of Capell's Forthcoming Book

By letter dated 7/7/64, we advised the Attorney General of the nature of Capell's forthcoming book, as well as background data on Capell set forth in the preceding paragraph,

IDENTIFIES INFORMANT

RECOMMENDATION:

That the attached letter be sent to the Attorney General enclosing a copy of the aforementioned book.

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*LS*

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The Attorney General

July 8, 1964

Director, FBI

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FRANK A. CAPELL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

1 - Mr. Belmont PERSONAL  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Evans  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Simpson

Mr. Frank A. Capell, 56 Bay Street, Staten Island, New York, advised the New York Office of this Bureau on July 2, 1964, that he is publishing a 70-page paperback book entitled "The Strange Death of Marilyn Monroe," which should be ready for publication about July 10, 1964.

According to Mr. Capell, his book will make reference to your alleged friendship with the late Miss Marilyn Monroe. Mr. Capell stated he will indicate in his book that you and Miss Monroe were intimate and that you were in Miss Monroe's apartment at the time of her death.

In recent years Capell has published "The Herald of Freedom," an anticommunist newsletter of an expose type, which names names and organizations. In the past several months he has been interviewed by Agents of our New York Office concerning numerous allegations he has made against a number of prominent individuals. Much of the information furnished by Mr. Capell has been of a very questionable nature and not subject to corroboration. He has consistently refused to reveal the alleged sources of his information.

Any additional information concerning the publication of the above book will be promptly brought to your attention.

2 - New York

ATTENTION: SAC, NEW YORK:

Reurairtel 7/2/64.

You are instructed to follow this matter very closely. Furnish two copies of the book to the Bureau promptly upon its publication in order that the Attorney General may be kept advised.

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The Attorney General

NOTE:

See memorandum Baumgardner to W. C. Sullivan,  
same caption, dated 7/6/64, RPS:rhm.

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## Memorandum

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

SUBJECT: FRANK A. CAPELL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

DATE: 7/7/64

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. Evans  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Baumgardner  
1 - Mr. Simpson

New York airtel 7/2/64 advised that Frank A. Capell advised an Agent that he is about to publish a 70-page paperback book dealing with the suicide of Marilyn Monroe which will be entitled "The Strange Death of Marilyn Monroe." The book allegedly will be ready for sale about 7/10/64. Capell stated the book will make reference to Attorney General Robert Kennedy and his friendship with Miss Monroe. It will indicate that Kennedy and Monroe were intimate and that Kennedy was in Monroe's apartment at the time of her death. He stated he will also attempt to show that some communists were working behind the scenes inasmuch as the physician who signed the death certificate was a communist.

Identifies Confidential Informant

He publishes "The Herald of Freedom," an anticommunist newsletter of an expose type. He has been interviewed in recent months by Agents of our New York Office concerning numerous allegations he had made against a number of prominent individuals. Some allegations of Capell are from public sources and are apparently true, some are completely false and others are extremely questionable and not subject to corroboration. Capell has consistently refused to divulge his alleged sources to our Agents.

The above allegation concerning the Attorney General has been previously circulated and has been branded as false as the Attorney General was actually in San Francisco with his wife at the time Marilyn Monroe committed suicide.

Enclosure

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Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
RE: FRANK A. CAPELL

Inasmuch as Capell is the source of this information and his information has been extremely questionable, it is not believed that any action should be taken to attempt to determine the identity of the doctor who signed Miss Monroe's death certificate.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the attached letter be sent to the Attorney General to advise him of the contemplated publication of the above book.

*[Handwritten initials and marks: "Cal", "H", "10-10-76", "10/10", "OK", "V", "J", "Q", "D", "E"]*

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Date: 7/2/64

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Evans  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK  
SUBJECT: FRANK A. CAPELL  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(OO: NEW YORK)

*Roy*  
*FUPP*

On instant date, captioned individual advised he is about to publish a 70 page paperback book dealing with the suicide of actress MARILYN MONROE. He said the book is titled "The Strange Death of Marilyn Monroe" and will sell for \$2.00 per copy. CAPELL advised that the book should be ready for sale on or about 7/10/64, and that he will furnish a copy of this book for the Bureau's information.

He advised that the book will make reference to Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY and KENNEDY's friendship with Miss MONROE. He advised that he will indicate that the evidence shows that KENNEDY and MONROE were intimate and that KENNEDY was in MONROE's apartment at the time of her death. He advised that he will attempt to show that some Communists were evidently working behind the scenes, inasmuch as a physician who signed the death certificate was a Communist.

It was noted that CAPELL appeared very emotional and aggressive when he advised of this book and was unable to state the exact purpose for having written it.

Upon receipt of a copy of this book from CAPELL, the NYO will furnish said copy to the Bureau for its information.

3 - Bureau  
1 - New York

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. W. C. SULLIVAN *W.C.S.* JUNE DATE: 4/16/65

FROM : W. R. Wannall *WRW*

SUBJECT: FRANK CAPELL  
ESPIONAGE - X

CC Belmont  
DeLoach  
Sullivan  
J.D. Donohue  
Wacks

Mohr  
Liaison  
Branigan  
Wannall *Wannall*

Tolson ☒  
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Tele. Room ☒  
Holmes ☒  
Gandy ☒

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We should try to eliminate this security threat and dry up his source. We have asked State Department to conduct administrative inquiry to see if the source is a State Department employee. The best way for us to resolve the identity of Capell's source is through a technical surveillance. Newark on 4/15/65 advised full security assured for technical surveillances (tesurs) on subject's residence and place of business. At present we have 56 investigative-type tesurs in operation with four pending. The limit is 75.

## ACTION:

(1) Enclosed for approval is letter to Attorney General requesting authority to place tesurs on Capell's residence and place of business.

(2) Enclosed for approval is airtel to New York instructing that Capell be recontacted for additional identifying data pertaining to names he submitted 3/31/65, allegedly Soviet agents working in government, which he plans to publish in a book.

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DATE 11/11/00 BY 522AMK

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Enclosures

*sent 4-16-65*

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6 APR 26 1965

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

## ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

1 - Mr. Belmont  
DATE: November 3, 1965

FROM : Mr. R. D. Cotter

JUNE

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Cotter  
1 - Mr. Donohue  
1 - Mr. Wacks

SUBJECT: FRANK A. CAPELL  
ESPIONAGE - X

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DATE 11/1/00 BY SP2ALMKP

This memorandum recommends that we close our investigation of Capell, including discontinuance of technical surveillances on Capell and a close associate of the subject, Robert Manuel.

Subject is anticommunist extremist who publishes weekly newsletter and has written various books attacking alleged security risks in U. S. Government. He has in past published classified data, some originating with Bureau, and our investigation has been aimed at identifying his sources in the Government. With the Attorney General's approval, we instituted technical coverage of Capell's residence in Zarephath, New Jersey, on 5/11/65 and also on residence and office of Manuel, Fairfax, Virginia, attorney, on 6/25/65.

We have not developed any data since outset of investigation which would show that Capell or Manuel are currently receiving information from individuals in the Executive Branch of the Government. In fact, we now believe that it is highly unlikely that our technical coverage will develop such information in the future.

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We have received a volume of information regarding day-to-day contacts of Capell and Manuel, including identities of various sources and associates of their's in the news field, among clergymen, in the Legislative Branch, in the ranks of other right-wing extremist groups and among various local law enforcement agencies. On occasion, our coverage has provided information of some interest with regard to the efforts of Capell and his associates to smear or discredit high-ranking Government officials, such as Supreme Court Justices Goldberg and Fortas, various liberal Senators, et cetera. In addition, our coverage has occasionally provided information which has been of personal interest to the President, such as data regarding an unfavorable book being written. We have furnished information of this type to the White House and the Attorney General but have otherwise not disseminated data from our technical coverage except in a few instances where it could be paraphrased to protect the sensitive source. One such

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Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan  
RE: FRANK A. CAPELL  
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instance involved advising Chief of Police John Layton of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., on a confidential basis of the improper activities of two local police officers in supplying Manuel and Capell with confidential data from police morals records.

Despite the occasional information of value our technical coverage has developed, the fact remains that these sources have not and evidently will not assist in resolving our primary objective; namely, identification of any person in the Executive Branch of the Government who might be leaking classified data. As a matter of fact, our coverage of Capell and Manuel has failed to indicate that they have been receiving classified information from sources in the Executive Branch.

Under the circumstances, it is believed we can no longer justify the continuance of technical coverage on Manuel and Capell and it is felt we should discontinue our investigation. However, we feel that at this time we should on a confidential basis alert the New York State Police with regard to the activities of a lieutenant in that Department who has also been cooperating with Capell and Manuel and who has been apparently furnishing them information obtained during the course of his official duties; namely, Lieutenant William Lovelock. In this regard it is noted that the superintendent of the New York State Police is the former Special Agent in Charge Arthur Cornelius and he could be furnished the information relating to Lovelock through contact by the Special Agent in Charge of our Albany Office.

ACTION:

If approved:

1) The technical surveillances on Capell and Manuel will be discontinued.

2) Our special coverage on Capell and Manuel has developed information which possibly may be of direct interest to other Government agencies, including Central Intelligence Agency and Department of State, such as alleged immoral activities on the part of employees of these agencies. Newark will be instructed to prepare letterhead memoranda covering these incidents for dissemination to interested agencies. These, of course, will not include the high-level information previously disseminated to the White House and Attorney General.

Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan  
RE: FRANK A. CAPELL  
137-2528

3) Albany Office will be instructed to contact Superintendent of the New York State Police Cornelius and advise him of Lieutenant Lovelock's association with and assistance to Capell. This information, of course, will be furnished Cornelius in such a manner that our coverage will not be compromised.

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*Jo*

*[Signature]*



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

November 16, 1965

JUNE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: FRANK A. CAPELL  
ESPIONAGE - X

For your information, the technical surveillance on the residence of the subject, (no number) School House Road, Zarephath, New Jersey, was discontinued on November 10, 1965.

The technical surveillances on the residence of Robert E. Manuel, 8901 Beauchamp Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, and on Manuel's office, 105 East Holbrook Avenue, Fairfax, Virginia, were discontinued on November 10, 1965, and November 2, 1965, respectively.

Respectfully,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

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1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Cotter  
1 - Mr. Donohue  
1 - Mr. Wacks

SUBJECT: FRANK A. CAPELL  
ESPIONAGE - X

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DATE 11/1/00 BY SP2ALMKP

This memorandum recommends that we close our investigation of Capell, including discontinuance of technical surveillances on Capell and a close associate of the subject, Robert Manuel.

Subject is anticommunist extremist who publishes weekly newsletter and has written various books attacking alleged security risks in U. S. Government. He has in past published classified data, some originating with Bureau, and our investigation has been aimed at identifying his sources in the Government. With the Attorney General's approval, we instituted technical coverage of Capell's residence in Zarephath, New Jersey, on 5/11/65 and also on residence and office of Manuel, Fairfax, Virginia, attorney, on 6/25/65.

We have not developed any data since outset of investigation which would show that Capell or Manuel are currently receiving information from individuals in the Executive Branch of the Government. In fact, we now believe that it is highly unlikely that our technical coverage will develop such information in the future.

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We have received a volume of information regarding day-to-day contacts of Capell and Manuel, including identities of various sources and associates of their's in the news field, among clergymen, in the Legislative Branch, in the ranks of other right-wing extremist groups and among various local law enforcement agencies. On occasion, our coverage has provided information of some interest with regard to the efforts of Capell and his associates to smear or discredit high-ranking Government officials, such as Supreme Court Justices Goldberg and Fortas, various liberal Senators, et cetera. In addition, our coverage has occasionally provided information which has been of personal interest to the President, such as data regarding an unfavorable book being written. We have furnished information of this type to the White House and the Attorney General but have otherwise not disseminated data from our technical coverage except in a few instances where it could be paraphrased to protect the sensitive source. One such

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Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan  
RE: FRANK A. CAPELL  
137-2528

instance involved advising Chief of Police John Layton of the Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, D. C., on a confidential basis of the improper activities of two local police officers in supplying Manuel and Capell with confidential data from police morals records.

Despite the occasional information of value our technical coverage has developed, the fact remains that these sources have not and evidently will not assist in resolving our primary objective; namely, identification of any person in the Executive Branch of the Government who might be leaking classified data. As a matter of fact, our coverage of Capell and Manuel has failed to indicate that they have been receiving classified information from sources in the Executive Branch.

Under the circumstances, it is believed we can no longer justify the continuance of technical coverage on Manuel and Capell and it is felt we should discontinue our investigation. However, we feel that at this time we should on a confidential basis alert the New York State Police with regard to the activities of a lieutenant in that Department who has also been cooperating with Capell and Manuel and who has been apparently furnishing them information obtained during the course of his official duties; namely, Lieutenant William Lovelock. In this regard it is noted that the superintendent of the New York State Police is the former Special Agent in Charge Arthur Cornelius and he could be furnished the information relating to Lovelock through contact by the Special Agent in Charge of our Albany Office.

ACTION:

If approved:

1) The technical surveillances on Capell and Manuel will be discontinued.

2) Our special coverage on Capell and Manuel has developed information which possibly may be of direct interest to other Government agencies, including Central Intelligence Agency and Department of State, such as alleged immoral activities on the part of employees of these agencies. Newark will be instructed to prepare letterhead memoranda covering these incidents for dissemination to interested agencies. These, of course, will not include the high-level information previously disseminated to the White House and Attorney General.

Memorandum for Mr. Sullivan  
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3) Albany Office will be instructed to contact Superintendent of the New York State Police Cornelius and advise him of Lieutenant Lovelock's association with and assistance to Capell. This information, of course, will be furnished Cornelius in such a manner that our coverage will not be compromised.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

November 16, 1965

JUNE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: FRANK A. CAPELL  
ESPIONAGE - X

For your information, the technical surveillance on the residence of the subject, (no number) School House Road, Zarephath, New Jersey, was discontinued on November 10, 1965.

The technical surveillances on the residence of Robert E. Manuel, 8901 Beauchamp Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, and on Manuel's office, 105 East Holbrook Avenue, Fairfax, Virginia, were discontinued on November 10, 1965, and November 2, 1965, respectively.

Respectfully,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION

Unauthorized Disclosure  
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"The Herald of Freedom" is a four page pamphlet, edited and published by FRANK A. CAPELL in Staten Island, New York. It is published biweekly. CAPELL has described his publication as being "devoted to combating Communism, Socialism, and un-American activities by pointing the whole truth in detail".

"The Staten Island Advance", a Staten Island, New York, daily community newspaper, in its issue of July 13, 1963, carried a front page article entitled "Island Pamphlet Triggers North Carolina Camp Race Riot". According to this article, "reports of integration, nudity, and free love", which were published by FRANK A. CAPELL in "The Herald of Freedom" "caused 400 armed Blue Ridge Bible Belt mountaineers to burn" Camp Summerlane's gymnasium at Rosman, North Carolina, and also shoot up one of their buses. This article reflected that CAPELL "said last night at his New Jersey home that he had published an account in the July 3 issue and that the Rosman Chamber of Commerce had ordered additional copies". This article also indicated that "The Herald of Freedom" was widely distributed among rural folk in the mountain area. This article in "The Staten Island Advance" stated that Sheriff C. R. MC CALL of Rosman told the Associated Press that the mountaineers were incensed because of camp activities published in the pamphlet.

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FRANCIS A. CAPELL, Editor of "The Herald of Freedom", was arrested September 21, 1943, at New York, New York, by agents of the FBI on a charge of bribery.

An indictment was filed April 10, 1944, in the Southern District of New York against FRANCIS A. CAPELL, charging him with conspiracy in the acceptance of a \$1,000.00 bribe intended to influence the decision of investigators of the War Production Board on September 21, 1943, in violation of Title 18, Section 207. A second indictment returned on the same date contained two counts

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and charged CAPELL with the solicitation and acceptance of \$1,000.00 bribe and a \$400.00 bribe intended to influence the decision of investigators of the War Production Board in violation of Section 207, Title 18, United States Code.

CAPELL entered a plea of guilty on May 29, 1945, at the United States District Court, Southern District of New York (SDNY), and was sentenced to one year and one day on each count of a three count indictment, sentences to run concurrently. Execution of this sentence was suspended, and he was placed on probation for two years. He was fined \$2,000.00 on count one, and the fine was to be paid within one year. He was discharged from probation by order of the United States District Court, June 24, 1946. At that time his fine had been paid in full.

FRANCIS A. CAPELL in January, 1952, testified before a Subcommittee of the United States Senate Arms Services Committee relative to illegal hiring for work on overseas bases. CAPELL was then manager of Personnel Service Bureau, Incorporated, New York, New York. The Personnel Service Bureau was one of the few agencies in the New York area to hire men for overseas work.



1.Date 1/28/64

FRANK A. CAPELL, 56 Bay Street, Staten Island, New York, advised that he is the editor of the biweekly publication, "The Herald of Freedom". He stated that this publication is devoted to fighting Communism and its entire contents are written by himself. CAPELL advised that his material is received from confidential sources and also from public source material.

CAPELL advised that with respect to the January 17, 1964, edition of his publication, which contained considerable information of a background nature on JACK RUBY, also known as Jack Rubinstein, the data which concerned RUBY's contacts in Havana, Cuba, was received in confidence from a reliable source in the newspaper industry. He advised that he had written that RUBY had been in Havana in the past year, but that accurately speaking, it should have read, "a few years ago."

CAPELL stated that the information regarding RUBY's contact in Havana with one "PRASKIN", was likewise received from the same source in the newspaper field.

He advised that in order to add further credence to his comments about RUBY in Cuba, he added the comment that the information was received from Havana from one of the best informed men in the United States on Soviet Intelligence. CAPELL stated this individual was the original source of the information regarding RUBY's trip to Havana and contact with "PRASKIN". He advised that this individual had furnished the information to his source in the newspaper field.

On 1/27/64 at 56 Bay Street, Staten Island, New York File # NY 44-974  
by SA VINCENT J. SAVADEL/aog Date dictated 1/27/64

2 - Mr. J. [redacted] Hintz  
 (1 - Mr. [redacted] V. Daly)  
 1 - Mr. T. W. Leavitt  
 1 - Mr. S. F. Phillips  
 1 - Mr. J. P. Thomas

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April 30, 1976

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 DATE 11/30/00 BY SP2 MTR/11/16

U. S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE TO  
 STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH  
 RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)

Reference is made to the April 23, 1976,  
 request by the SSC for access to certain FBI materials.  
 The requested materials have been assembled and are  
 available for review in Room 4171, J. Edgar Hoover Building.

1 - The Attorney General - Enclosures (10)

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(8) ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY TO AG

NOTE:

A copy of the SSC request, which relates to  
 information obtained through electronic surveillance of  
 Frank A. Capell and Robert Manuel in 1965 which was  
 disseminated to the White House and/or Attorney General,  
 is attached to the file copy of this memorandum.

Capell, editor of an anticommunist newsletter,  
 "The Herald of Freedom," was in 1965 publishing information  
 he knew to be classified. We  
 conducted investigation to determine **SECRET MATERIAL ATTACHED**  
 his sources within U. S. Government  
 and elsur were approved for this purpose. The elsur on  
 Capell and Manuel produced information of personal interest  
 to the President and such data was furnished only to the  
 White House and AG. Inasmuch as some of the information  
 involves the personal conduct of then high Government  
 personalities, copies of the requested material are being  
 furnished to the AG for review prior to granting the SSC  
 access to them.

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## SELECT COMMITTEE TO STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

(PURSUANT TO S. RES. 21, 94TH CONGRESS)

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 23, 1976

Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Esq.  
Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination  
Office of the Deputy Attorney General  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

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ALL THE INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 11-30-00 BY SP-2 ALM/STG

Dear Mike:

The Select Committee requests access at FBI Headquarters to all summaries of information obtained from electronic surveillance of Frank A. Capell and Robert Manuel in 1965, which were disseminated by the FBI to the White House and/or the Attorney General. This request specifically encompasses, but is not limited to, summaries which contain information pertaining to attempts of the subjects to "smear or discredit high-ranking Government officials" and summaries which contain information pertaining to a book then being written about the President. This type of information is referred to in a memorandum from Mr. R. D. Cotter to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, dated November 3, 1965, captioned: "Frank A. Capell -- Espionage-X."

Sincerely yours,

*John T. Elliff*

John T. Elliff  
Director  
Domestic Intelligence Task Force



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5-140 (Rev. 1-21-74) FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

Addressee: SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE

☐ LTR ☒ LHM ☐ Memo ☐ Report dated 4/30/76

Caption of Document: U.S. Senate Select Committee (SSC).  
Re SSC request 4/23/76.

Originating Office: FBI

Delivered by: J. Stasny Date: 5/17/76

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Return this receipt to the Intelligence Division, FBI

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DATE 11/30/00 BY SP2 ACM/816

TO: Intelligence Community Staff  
ATTN: Central Index

FROM:  
**FBI**

SUBJECT: Abstract of Information Provided to Select Committees

1. HOW PROVIDED (check appropriate term. If a document was made available for review but not transmitted, so note.)

2. DATE PROVIDED

**4/30/76**

☒ DOCUMENT ☐ BRIEFING ☐ INTERVIEW ☐ TESTIMONY ☐ OTHER

3. TO WHOM PROVIDED (check appropriate term; add specific names if appropriate)

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4. IDENTIFICATION (provide descriptive data for documents; give name or identification number of briefer, interviewee, testifier and subject)

**Memorandum and enclosures**

5. IN RESPONSE TO (list date and item number if in response to formal request, otherwise state verbal request of (name), initiative, subpoena, etc.)

**4/23/76 SSC request**

6. CLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION (enter U, C, S, TS or Codeword)

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**Information handling  
Operating procedures**

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8. SUMMARY (see reverse side before completing this item)

**Material for access (never reviewed as of 6/1/76 by SSC)  
re summaries of information from electronic surveillances  
of Frank A. Capell and Robert Manuel in 1965 which were  
disseminated to the White House and/or Attorney General.**

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## INSTRUCTIONS

- Type or print clearly in ink.
- Indicate classification of the abstract top and bottom.
- Date the abstract and put on any internal control numbers required.
- "FROM" entry should clearly identify the organization providing the information.
- If additions (as when a copy of document sent to SSC is later sent to HSC) or changes to a previously submitted form are necessary, submit a copy of the original abstract, with the change indicated.

SPECIFIC ITEM NO. 8. SUMMARY - enter brief narrative statement describing substance of information and showing relationship to Intelligence Community matters if appropriate. Any feedback or evidence of investigatory interests should be noted. Commitments made to supply additional information should be noted. Additionally, certain administrative information may be entered here, e.g., restrictions on review of a document, if document was paraphrased, whether interviewee is current or former employee, etc. If actual document or transcript is provided, that fact should be noted and no summary is required. Additional pages may be attached if necessary.

- 2 - J. A. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. P. V. Daly
- 1 - Mr. T. W. Leavitt
- 1 - Mr. S. F. Phillips
- 1 - Mr. J. P. Thomas

April 30, 1976

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

U. S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)

*T. General*  
*T. Request*

Reference is made to the April 23, 1976, request by the SSC for access to certain FBI materials.

Attached for your approval and forwarding to the SSC is the original of a memorandum in response to that request. Your attention is invited to the fact that materials to which access is requested include documents which have previously been furnished only to the Office of the Attorney General and to the White House in 1965. Accordingly, enclosed herewith, for your consideration, are single copies of the documents responsive to the SSC request and a copy for your records of the memorandum prepared for the Committee.

Enclosures (12)

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- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General  
Attention: Michael S. Shaheen, Jr.  
Special Counsel for  
Intelligence Coordination

*On 5/5/76, Atwood/Blackhurst advised that the proposed to not submit LHM to SSC (Phenia Chance this request of James Dick of SSC will not be followed up by him) unless Blackhurst is hustled by SSC.*

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SECRET MATERIAL ATTACHED

*Refer to 5B.*

*Del. to Dept 5/3/76  
Del. to SSC 5/17/76*

*SSC did not review material  
6/1/76. SSM/ds*

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ON 11-30-00

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Gale

June 2, 1965

BY LIAISON

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Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Liaison  
1 - W. R. Wannall  
1 - J. F. Wacks

Dear Mr. Watson:

There is enclosed a memorandum containing information which may be of interest to the President.

This letter becomes unclassified upon removal of the classified enclosure.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

JFW:kab  
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NOTE:

See memo W.R. Wannall to W.C. Sullivan captioned as above, dated 6/1/65, prepared by JFW:kab.

This letter is classified "Confidential" since it encloses a letterhead memorandum so classified.

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1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Sullivan

June 2, 1965

1 - Liaison  
1 - W. R. Wannall  
1 - J. F. Wacks

FRANK A. CAPELL

Frank A. Capell is the editor-publisher of the newsletter, "The Herald of Freedom," published at his place of residence, Zarephath, New Jersey. He has in the past published much information in his newsletter concerning alleged security risks in various agencies of the United States Government, particularly at the Department of State. He is at present under indictment returned by a Los Angeles County, California, grand jury for criminal libel based on his charge that Senator Thomas H. Kuchel of California had been arrested in 1950 for homosexual activities.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 25, 1965, advised that he had learned of a contact made on that date with Capell by Robert Manuel, an attorney who resides at 4212 Beauchamp Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, and who has his law office at 105 East Holbrook Avenue, Fairfax, Virginia. Manuel referred to a robbery of Congressman (Harlan Hagen) which occurred in Washington, D.C., on January 25, 1963. According to Manuel, Congressman (Hagen), whom Manuel described as "a degenerate of the first order," went to a night club in Washington, D.C., where he "picked up" a Negro prostitute named Sue Nicholas (phonetic). They went to the parking lot adjacent to the night club and while they were engaged in a pervert act two accomplices of Nicholas attacked Congressman (Hagen) and robbed him. Manuel pointed out that during the investigation an arrangement was made whereby Nicholas would identify her accomplices who would be given a minimum fine if they confessed. In return, nothing would be said about the act of perversion which was taking place between Nicholas and the Congressman when the Congressman was attacked.

Manuel told Capell that "during the last campaign" (possibly referring to the political activity during the Fall of 1964) the arrest report showing the robbery of the Congressman

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FRANK A. CAPELL

was "pulled at the request of the White House." Manuel added that "the White House had it pulled at the request of (Hagen) because he was terrified that someone would get a hold of it." Manuel also pointed out that the report had never been "put back."

NOTE:

See memo W.R. Wannall to W.C. Sullivan dated 6/1/65, captioned as above, prepared by JFW:kab.

Original of this memorandum being sent to the White House by cover letter.

This memorandum is classified "~~Confidential~~" to further protect our source, the compromise of which could be detrimental to the national defense.

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1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Gale

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The Attorney General

June 4, 1965

Director, FBI

EX 105

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FRANK A. CAPELL  
ESPIONAGE - X

DECLASSIFIED BY SP-2 ALM/TK  
ON 12-1-00

1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Liaison  
1 - Mr. Schwartz  
1 - Mr. Wannall  
1 - Mr. Wacks

Reference is made to my letter dated May 6, 1965, pertaining to the subject, who is editor of the newsletter, "The Herald of Freedom." A source who has furnished reliable information in the past on May 27, 1965, advised that Capell had been in contact with a person named Robert Fowler concerning an article to be published in "The Herald of Freedom" pertaining to Martin Bormann, the former Nazi official in Germany who disappeared during the closing days of World War II. He was subsequently convicted as a war criminal and sentenced to death in absentia. Since 1945, numerous reports and rumors have been received that Bormann is alive in various parts of the world; however, none of these reports has proved to be true. His present whereabouts is unknown.

In discussing the proposed article Fowler pointed out that Bormann once lived in the United States and owned property here. The subject indicated that the Attorney General as well as the Department of State and the Immigration and Naturalization Service allowed Bormann to come into the country. Fowler advised the subject that it is not known who permitted this to happen since it was "high level monkey business."

The files of this Bureau do not indicate that Bormann was ever in the United States or that he owned property in this country.

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Letter to The Attorney General  
Re: FRANK A. CAPELL  
Bureau file 137-2528

NOTE: Letter classified "Confidential" as unauthorized disclosure could compromise a source [NK 2544-S\*] of continuing value to the detriment of the national defense.

See cover memorandum Mr. Wannall to Mr. Sullivan dated 6/3/65, same caption, prepared by JFW:js.

1 - Mr. Belmont  
 1 - Mr. Mohr  
 1 - Mr. DeLoach  
 1 - Mr. Casper  
 1 - Mr. Sullivan  
 1 - Mr. J. D. Donohue  
 June 7, 1965  
 JUNE 1 - Mr. Wannall  
 1 - Mr. Wakks

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: FRANK A. CAPELL  
 ESPIONAGE - X

#WORK  
 DECLASSIFIED BY SP2AM/HG  
 01 12-1-00

Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 19, 1965, on which you indicated authorization for a technical surveillance on the residence of the subject located at School House Road, Somerset County, Zarephath, New Jersey, for the purpose of ascertaining the subject's sources for the classified information he has published in his newsletter, "The Herald of Freedom."

Our coverage on the subject has revealed that he is in almost daily contact with Robert E. Manuel, an attorney who resides in Alexandria, Virginia, and who is in the law firm of Johnson (Wayne G.) and Manuel in Fairfax, Virginia. Manuel has claimed to have "a network" of people furnishing him information which he in turn gives to Capell. It is apparent that Manuel is Capell's intermediary and he undoubtedly has contacts at the Department of State and the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department from whom he is obtaining information.

In view of the above, it is requested that you authorize technical coverage on Manuel's residence, 8901 Beauchamp Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, and on his office located at 105 East Holbrook Avenue, Fairfax, Virginia, or on any addresses to which he may move in the future or to which his place of business may be moved in the future.

Respectfully,

SENT FROM D. O.  
 TIME 5:50  
 DATE 6-8-65  
 BY [signature]

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John Edgar Hoover  
 Director

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Memorandum for the Attorney General

Re: FRANK A. CAPELL

Bureau file 137-2528

NOTE: See cover memorandum Wannall to Sullivan 6/4/65,  
captioned same, prepared by JFW:js.

This memorandum is classified "~~Secret~~" since the disclosure of data herein could result in serious damage to the nation by compromising a program of vital importance to the national defense.

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July 16, 1965

BY LIAISON

1 - Mr. Belmont  
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1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Cotter  
1 - Mr. Wacks  
1 - Liaison

REC- 56

BP  
Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

There is enclosed a memorandum containing information which may be of interest to the President.

This letter becomes unclassified upon removal of the classified enclosure.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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ON 12-1-00

Enclosure

JFW:cj  
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NOTE:

See memorandum R. D. Cotter to W. C. Sullivan, captioned "Frank A. Capell, Espionage - X," prepared by JFW:cj. (7-15-65)

This letter is classified "Confidential" since it encloses a letterhead memorandum so classified.

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1- Mr. Belmont  
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1- Mr. W.C. Sullivan  
1- Mr. J.H. Gale

July 16, 1965

1- Mr. R.D. Cotter  
1- Liaison  
1- Mr. J.F. Wacks

FRANK A. CAPELL

Frank A. Capell is the editor-publisher of the newsletter "The Herald of Freedom," published at his residence in Zarephath, New Jersey. He has in the past published much information in his newsletter concerning alleged security risks in various agencies of the United States Government, particularly in the Department of State. On February 17, 1965, he was indicted by a grand jury in Los Angeles County, California, for criminal libel for his printing that Senator Thomas H. Kuchel of California had been arrested in 1950 for homosexual activities. Capell on June 28, 1965, entered a plea of "no contest" to the charge of circulating a false report adversely affecting the Senator's moral reputation. Capell is to be sentenced on July 19, 1965.

On July 12, 1965, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that he had learned of a contact made on that date by the subject with Colonel Matthew P. McKeon, Executive Vice President of the Defenders of the American Constitution, Springfield, Virginia. The source reported that Capell advised McKeon that Congressman Michael A. Feighan of Ohio was anti-communist and had given "us" information on immigration matters. Subject also stated that "a lot of the stuff we've all used on immigration against Abba Schwartz and the crowd in the State Department — we got all this stuff from Feighan." Abba Schwartz is Administrator, Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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FRANK A. CAPELL

NOTE:

See memorandum R.D. Cotter to W.C. Sullivan dated 7-15-65, captioned as above, prepared by JFW:cj.

Original of this memorandum being sent to the Attorney General (Xerox copy to Deputy Attorney General) by cover letter. Xerox copy also being sent to Honorable Marvin Watson at the White House.

This memorandum classified "Confidential" to further protect our source [NK 2544-S\*], the compromise of which could be detrimental to the national defense.

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The Attorney General

August 10, 1965

Director, FBI

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

1 - Mr. A. H. Belmont  
 1 - Mr. J. P. Mohr  
 1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach  
 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
 1 - Mr. F. J. Baumgardner  
 1 - Mr. R. D. Cotter  
 1 - Mr. J. F. Wacks

There is enclosed a memorandum setting forth information concerning a contact between Frank A. Capell, editor-publisher of the anticommunist newsletter, "The Herald of Freedom," and Ike McAnally, Editor of "Counter Attack." During this contact Capell claimed to have knowledge of a letter written by former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy to an alleged communist concerning the organization of the Peace Corps.

Capell further claimed that President Johnson reportedly showed a copy of this letter to Democratic leaders at the 1964 Democratic National Convention in order to forestall the Vice-Presidential nomination of Mr. Kennedy.

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General

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NOTE: Classified "~~Secret~~" since disclosure would jeopardize a sensitive source and might result in serious damage to the U. S. defense interests.

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- 1 - 137-2528 (Capell)

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1 - Mr. J. P. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
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1 - Mr. Cotter  
1 - Mr. Wacks

August 10, 1965

BY LIAISON

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Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

There is enclosed a memorandum containing information which may be of interest to the President.

This letter becomes unclassified upon removal of the classified enclosure.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

100-10355

1 - 100-122819 (Dombrowski) REC-75  
1 - 137-2528 (Capell)

NOTE: Classified "~~Secret~~" since enclosure so classified. Enclosure classified "~~Secret~~" since disclosure would jeopardize a sensitive source and might result in serious damage to the U.S. defense interests. See cover memorandum Cotter to Sullivan 8/9/65 captioned "Southern Conference Educational Fund, Internal Security - C."

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1 - Mr. R.D. Cotter  
1 - Mr. J.F. Wacks

August 10, 1965

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Frank A. Capell is editor-publisher of the newsletter, "The Herald of Freedom," published at Zarephath, New Jersey. Capell has, in the past, published much information in his newsletter regarding alleged security risks in various agencies in the United States Government, particularly the Department of State. He was recently indicted at Los Angeles, California, for criminal libel, based on his charge that Senator Thomas H. Kuchel had been arrested for homosexual activities. Capell subsequently pled nolo contendere to this charge and was fined \$500.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past reported contact between Capell and Ike McAnally, Editor of "Counter Attack," on July 27, 1965. During this contact, McAnally told Capell he would like information relating to a letter written to a member of the Communist Party in the South named Jim Dombrowski (phonetic), supposedly by a high-ranking member of the previous administration, asking advice about organizing the Peace Corps. Capell indicated that former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy was the author of this letter, which supposedly had been secured during a raid. Capell further indicated that the original of this letter was in a safe of the Louisiana Un-American Activities Committee, and that Senator Eastland, the New Orleans Police Department, and possibly the FBI had copies of the letter. According to Capell, President Johnson reportedly had shown a copy of the above-mentioned letter to Democratic leaders during the 1964 Democratic National Convention held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in order to forestall the vice-presidential nomination of Robert F. Kennedy.

Our files show that James A. Dombrowski, who may be identical with the individual referred to above; is the Executive Director of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, and that he has a long history of association with communist front groups. The Southern Conference Educational Fund is a successor to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare which was cited as a communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

RDC:mdp (13)

1 - 100-122819

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1 - 137-2528 (Capell)

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## SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND

It is noted that during October, 1963, officers of the Louisiana State Police and the New Orleans Police Department, acting under authority of the Louisiana Subversive Activities and Communist Control Law, raided the offices of the Southern Conference Educational Fund in New Orleans and seized voluminous records of this group. This incident received widespread publicity and has been the subject of considerable litigation. Files of the FBI contain no information concerning the alleged letter written to Dombrowski by former Attorney General Kennedy.

NOTE: Original to White House, CC's to Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General. Classified "Secret" since disclosure would jeopardize a sensitive source and might result in serious damage to the U.S. defense interests.

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1 - Mr. A.H.Belmont  
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1 - Mr. R.D.Cotter  
1 - Liaison  
1 - Mr. J.F.Wacks

## BY LIAISON

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to Mrs. Wm. Hagedorn  
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Frasca, who previously has been described by officials of the New York City Police Department as completely unethical, is the individual who allegedly on February 10, 1964, advised Billie Sol Estes that he had the authority to assure Estes of a full pardon after Senator Barry Goldwater's election as President if Estes would reveal his "tie-in" with President Johnson. Frasca at the time was employed at Senator Goldwater's Campaign Headquarters in Washington, D. C. During the meeting, Estes allegedly advised Frasca that he had tape recordings containing conversations between President Johnson and Estes and between Estes and other unnamed, highly placed Government officials in Washington, D. C., which, if disclosed, might cause considerable embarrassment to certain unnamed individuals in Washington, D. C.

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Honorable Marvin Watson

Estes told Frasca that the tapes in his possession were hidden in the Davis Mountains near Pecos, Texas. At the same meeting, Frasca allegedly stated that he had some tape recordings of conversations between some of "President Johnson's people" and Dr. Sol Estes and Dr. John Estes. The nature of these conversations was not disclosed. Information developed by the FBI concerning the meeting of February 10, 1964, was furnished to former Special Assistant to the President Walter Jenkins in our letters dated May 14, 1964; June 23, 1964; July 9, 1964; and October 6, 1964.

Capell has, in the past, published much information in his newsletter concerning alleged security risks in Government. On February 17, 1965, he was indicted by a grand jury in Los Angeles County, California, for criminal libel for his printing that Thomas H. Kuchel, United States Senator from California, had been arrested in 1950 for homosexual activities. On July 19, 1965, Capell was fined \$500 and placed on probation for three years, after pleading "no contest" to the charge of circulating a false report, adversely affecting the Senator's moral reputation.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE:

See cover memo Cotter to Sullivan, captioned "Frank A. Capell, Espionage - X," dated 10/5/65, prepared by JFW:cj.

This letter is classified "Confidential" to protect our sensitive source, (WF 1690-S\*.)

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1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Gale

June 2, 1965

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BY LIAISON

EX-100

Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Liaison  
1 - W. R. Wannall  
1 - J. F. Wacks

Dear Mr. Watson:

There is enclosed a memorandum containing information which may be of interest to the President.

This letter becomes unclassified upon removal of the classified enclosure.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

JFW:kab  
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ON 12-1-00

NOTE:

See memo W.R. Wannall to W.C. Sullivan captioned as above, dated 6/1/65, prepared by JFW:kab.

This letter is classified "Confidential" since it encloses a letterhead memorandum so classified.

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1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Gale  
1 - Mr. Sullivan

June 2, 1965

1 - Liaison  
1 - W. R. Wannall  
1 - J. F. Wacks

FRANK A. CAPELL

Frank A. Capell is the editor-publisher of the newsletter, "The Herald of Freedom," published at his place of residence, Zarephath, New Jersey. He has in the past published much information in his newsletter concerning alleged security risks in various agencies of the United States Government, particularly at the Department of State. He is at present under indictment returned by a Los Angeles County, California, grand jury for criminal libel based on his charge that Senator Thomas H. Kuchel of California had been arrested in 1950 for homosexual activities.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on May 25, 1965, advised that he had learned of a contact made on that date with Capell by Robert Manuel, an attorney who resides at 4212 Beauchamp Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, and who has his law office at 105 East Holbrook Avenue, Fairfax, Virginia. Manuel referred to a robbery of Congressman [redacted] which occurred in Washington, D.C., on January 25, 1963. According to Manuel, Congressman [redacted] whom Manuel described as "a degenerate of the first order," went to a night club in Washington, D.C., where he "picked up" a Negro prostitute named Sue Nicholas (phonetic). They went to the parking lot adjacent to the night club and while they were engaged in a pervert act two accomplices of Nicholas attacked Congressman [redacted] and robbed him. Manuel pointed out that during the investigation an arrangement was made whereby Nicholas would identify her accomplices who would be given a minimum fine if they confessed. In return, nothing would be said about the act of perversion which was taking place between Nicholas and the Congressman when the Congressman was attacked.

Manuel told Capell that "during the last campaign" (possibly referring to the political activity during the Fall of 1964) the arrest report showing the robbery of the Congressman

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FRANK A. CAPELL

was "pulled at the request of the White House." Manuel added that "the White House had it pulled at the request of ~~because~~ because he was terrified that someone would get a hold of it." Manuel also pointed out that the report had never been "put back."

NOTE:

See memo W.R. Wannall to W.C. Sullivan dated 6/1/65, captioned as above, prepared by JFW:kab.

Original of this memorandum being sent to the White House by cover letter.

This memorandum is classified "Confidential" to further protect our source, the compromise of which could be detrimental to the national defense.

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1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Gale

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The Attorney General

June 4, 1965

Director, FBI

EX 105

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FRANK A. CAPELL  
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ON 12-1-00

1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Liaison  
1 - Mr. Schwartz  
1 - Mr. Wannall  
1 - Mr. Wacks

Reference is made to my letter dated May 6, 1965, pertaining to the subject, who is editor of the newspaper "The Herald of Freedom." A source who has furnished reliable information in the past on May 27, 1965, advised that Capell had been in contact with a person named Robert Fowler concerning an article to be published in "The Herald of Freedom" pertaining to Martin Bormann, the former Nazi official in Germany who disappeared during the closing days of World War II. He was subsequently convicted as a war criminal and sentenced to death in absentia. Since 1945, numerous reports and rumors have been received that Bormann is alive in various parts of the world; however, none of these reports has proved to be true. His present whereabouts is unknown.

In discussing the proposed article Fowler pointed out that Bormann once lived in the United States and owned property here. The subject indicated that the Attorney General as well as the Department of State and the Immigration and Naturalization Service allowed Bormann to come into the country. Fowler advised the subject that it is not known who permitted this to happen since it was "high level monkey business."

The files of this Bureau do not indicate that Bormann was ever in the United States or that he owned property in this country.

137-2528

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1 - The Deputy Attorney General

JFW:js

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Letter to The Attorney General  
Re: FRANK A. CAPELL  
Bureau file 137-2528

NOTE: Letter classified "~~Confidential~~" as unauthorized disclosure could compromise a source ~~of~~ continuing value to the detriment of the national defense.

See cover memorandum Mr. Wannall to Mr. Sullivan dated 6/3/65, same caption, prepared by JFW:js.

- Mr. Belmont

~~1 - Mr. Mohr~~

~~1 - Mr. DeLoach~~

~~1 - Mr. Casper~~

1 - Mr. Sullivan

1 - Mr. J. D. Donohue

June 7, 1965

JUNE 1 - Mr. Wannall

1 - Mr. Waks

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: FRANK A. CAPELL  
ESPIONAGE - X

DECLASSIFIED BY SP-2 ALM-126  
ON 12-1-00

Reference is made to my memorandum dated April 19, 1965, on which you indicated authorization for a technical surveillance on the residence of the subject located at School House Road, Somerset County, Zarephath, New Jersey, for the purpose of ascertaining the subject's sources for the classified information he has published in his newsletter "The Herald of Freedom."

Our coverage on the subject has revealed that he is in almost daily contact with Robert E. Manuel, an attorney who resides in Alexandria, Virginia, and who is in the law firm of Johnson (Wayne G.) and Manuel in Fairfax, Virginia. Manuel has claimed to have "a network" of people furnishing him information which he in turn gives to Capell. It is apparent that Manuel is Capell's intermediary and he undoubtedly has contacts at the Department of State and the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Police Department from whom he is obtaining information.

In view of the above, it is requested that you authorize technical coverage on Manuel's residence, 8901 Beauchamp Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, and on his office located at 105 East Holbrook Avenue, Fairfax, Virginia, or on any addresses to which he may move in the future or to which his place of business may be moved in the future.

Respectfully,

SENT FROM D. O.  
TIME 5:50  
DATE 6-8-65  
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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Memorandum for the Attorney General  
Re: FRANK A. CAPELL  
Bureau file 137-2528

NOTE: See cover memorandum Wannall to Sullivan 6/4/65,  
captioned same, prepared by JFW:js.

This memorandum is classified "~~Secret~~" since the disclosure of data herein could result in serious damage to the nation by compromising a program of vital importance to the national defense.

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ON 12-1-00

July 16, 1965

BY LIAISON

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137-2528-198  
Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Gale  
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1 - Liaison

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

JFW:cj  
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NOTE:

See memorandum R. D. Cotter to W. C. Sullivan, captioned "Frank A. Capell, Espionage - X," prepared by JFW:cj. (7-15-65)

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FRANK A. CAPELL

1- Mr. R.D. Cotter  
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Frank A. Capell is the editor-publisher of the newsletter "The Herald of Freedom," published at his residence in Zarephath, New Jersey. He has in the past published much information in his newsletter concerning alleged security risks in various agencies of the United States Government, particularly in the Department of State. On February 17, 1965, he was indicted by a grand jury in Los Angeles County, California, for criminal libel for his printing that Senator Thomas H. Kuchel of California had been arrested in 1950 for homosexual activities. Capell on June 28, 1965, entered a plea of "no contest" to the charge of circulating a false report adversely affecting the Senator's moral reputation. Capell is to be sentenced on July 19, 1965.

On July 12, 1965, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that he had learned of a contact made on that date by the subject with Colonel Matthew P. McKeon, Executive Vice President of the Defenders of the American Constitution, Springfield, Virginia. The source reported that Capell advised McKeon that Congressman Michael A. Feighan of Ohio was anticommunist and had given "us" information on immigration matters. Subject also stated that "a lot of the stuff we've all used on immigration against Abba Schwartz and the crowd in the State Department — we got all this stuff from Feighan." Abba Schwartz is Administrator, Bureau of Security and Consular Affairs, Department of State.

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NOTE:

See memorandum R.D. Cotter to W.C. Sullivan dated 7-15-65, captioned as above, prepared by JFW:cj.

Original of this memorandum being sent to the Attorney General (Xerox copy to Deputy Attorney General) by cover letter. Xerox copy also being sent to Honorable Marvin Watson at the White House.

This memorandum classified "Confidential" to further protect our source, the compromise of which could be detrimental to the national defense.

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The Attorney General

August 10, 1965

Director, FBI

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There is enclosed a memorandum setting forth information concerning a contact between Frank A. Capell, editor-publisher of the anticommunist newsletter, "The Herald of Freedom," and Ike McNally, Editor of "Counter Attack." During this contact Capell claimed to have knowledge of a letter written by former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy to an alleged communist concerning the organization of the Peace Corps.

Capell further claimed that President Johnson reportedly showed a copy of this letter to Democratic leaders at the 1964 Democratic National Convention in order to forestall the Vice-Presidential nomination of Mr. Kennedy.

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The Deputy Attorney General

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August 10, 1965

BY LIAISON

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Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Watson:

There is enclosed a memorandum containing information which may be of interest to the President.

This letter becomes unclassified upon removal of the classified enclosure.

Sincerely yours,

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1 - 100-122819 (Dombrowski) REC-75  
1 - 137-2528 (Capell)

NOTE: Classified "~~Secret~~" since enclosure so classified. Enclosure classified "~~Secret~~" since disclosure would jeopardize a sensitive source and might result in serious damage to the U.S. defense interests. See cover memorandum Cotter to Sullivan 8/9/65 captioned "Southern Conference Educational Fund, Internal Security - C."

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Frank A. Capell is editor-publisher of the newsletter, "The Herald of Freedom," published at Zarephath, New Jersey. Capell has, in the past, published much information in his newsletter regarding alleged security risks in various agencies in the United States Government, particularly the Department of State. He was recently indicted at Los Angeles, California, for criminal libel, based on his charge that Senator Thomas H. Kuchel had been arrested for homosexual activities. Capell subsequently pled nolo contendere to this charge and was fined \$500.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past reported contact between Capell and Ike McNally, Editor of "Counter Attack," on July 27, 1965. During this contact, McNally told Capell he would like information relating to a letter written to a member of the Communist Party in the South named Jim Dombrowski (phonetic), supposedly by a high-ranking member of the previous administration, asking advice about organizing the Peace Corps. Capell indicated that former Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy was the author of this letter, which supposedly had been secured during a raid. Capell further indicated that the original of this letter was in a safe of the Louisiana Un-American Activities Committee, and that Senator Eastland, the New Orleans Police Department, and possibly the FBI had copies of the letter. According to Capell, President Johnson reportedly had shown a copy of the above-mentioned letter to Democratic leaders during the 1964 Democratic National Convention held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in order to forestall the vice-presidential nomination of Robert F. Kennedy.

Our files show that James A. Dombrowski, who may be identical with the individual referred to above, is the Executive Director of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, and that he has a long history of association with communist front groups. The Southern Conference Educational Fund is a successor to the Southern Conference for Human Welfare which was cited as a communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

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It is noted that during October, 1963, officers of the Louisiana State Police and the New Orleans Police Department, acting under authority of the Louisiana Subversive Activities and Communist Control Law, raided the offices of the Southern Conference Educational Fund in New Orleans and seized voluminous records of this group. This incident received widespread publicity and has been the subject of considerable litigation. Files of the FBI contain no information concerning the alleged letter written to Dombrowski by former Attorney General Kennedy.

NOTE: Original to White House, CC's to Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General. Classified "Secret" since disclosure would jeopardize a sensitive source and might result in serious damage to the U.S. defense interests.

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October 7, 1965

BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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DECLASSIFIED BY SP-2ALM/26  
ON 12-1-00

Dear Mr. Watson:

We have learned from a source from whom we have received reliable information in the past that Dom Frasca, Sunday City Editor, the "New York Journal American," intends to write a book about President Johnson. This information may be of interest to the President.

Our source advised that Frank A. Capell, Editor of the anticommunist publication "The Herald of Freedom," on September 30, 1965, indicated that Frasca, while associated with Senator Barry Goldwater, had worked for months "digging stuff up" on President Johnson; that this material had never been used; and that the data in Frasca's possession included sworn affidavits and tape recordings. Capell also stated that Frasca has "five times" the material used in the book entitled "A Texan Looks At Lyndon."

Frasca, who previously has been described by officials of the New York City Police Department as completely unethical, is the individual who allegedly on February 10, 1964, advised Billie Sol Estes that he had the authority to assure Estes of a full pardon after Senator Barry Goldwater's election as President if Estes would reveal his "tie-in" with President Johnson. Frasca at the time was employed at Senator Goldwater's Campaign Headquarters in Washington, D. C. During the meeting, Estes allegedly advised Frasca that he had tape recordings containing conversations between President Johnson and Estes and between Estes and other unnamed, highly placed Government officials in Washington, D. C., which, if disclosed, might cause considerable embarrassment to certain unnamed individuals in Washington, D. C.

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Honorable Marvin Watson

Estes told Frasca that the tapes in his possession were hidden in the Davis Mountains near Pecos, Texas. At the same meeting, Frasca allegedly stated that he had some tape recordings of conversations between some of "President Johnson's people" and Dr. Sol Estes and Dr. John Estes. The nature of these conversations was not disclosed. Information developed by the FBI concerning the meeting of February 10, 1964, was furnished to former Special Assistant to the President Walter Jenkins in our letters dated May 14, 1964; June 23, 1964; July 9, 1964; and October 6, 1964.

Capell has, in the past, published much information in his newsletter concerning alleged security risks in Government. On February 17, 1965, he was indicted by a grand jury in Los Angeles County, California, for criminal libel for his printing that Thomas H. Kuchel, United States Senator from California, had been arrested in 1950 for homosexual activities. On July 19, 1965, Capell was fined \$500 and placed on probation for three years, after pleading "no contest" to the charge of circulating a false report, adversely affecting the Senator's moral reputation.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE:

See cover memo Cotter to Sullivan, captioned "Frank A. Capell, Espionage - X," dated 10/5/65, prepared by JFW:cj.

This letter is classified "~~Confidential~~" to protect our sensitive source, (WF 1690-S\*.)

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